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In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits the prior art documents cited in the International Search Report, listed hereinbelow, copies enclosed.

1. German Patent No. 27 33 571, Patented February 8, 1979.

Although this reference is not in the English language, the drawings are believed to be clear.

2. German Patent No. 29 18 532, Patented November 20, 1980.

Although this reference is not in the English language, the drawings are believed to be clear.

3. Great Britain Patent No. 1 581 928, Published December 31, 1980, By Heritage et al., for SPOTLIGHT FITTING.

This reference relates to a spotlight fitting including a mounting part and a lampholder part, the two parts having respective main axes and the same elliptical cross-section in planes normal to their main axes, the lampholder part being connected end-to-end with the mounting part for rotation relative thereto about an axis included with respect to said main axes, and the profiles of the parts at their confronting end faces being right circular and centred on said axis of rotation.

4. U.S. Patent No. 3,355,847, Patented December 5, 1967, By William Pratt, for STREET LIGHTING COLUMNS. This reference relates to a street lighting column including normally vertical upper and lower parts hinged together in which the upper part is formed with a downward extension which is mounted on a member which extends through the lower part of the column and forms a pivot for the upper part which is turned about the pivot to lower the lantern on the upper part, in which the lower end of the upper part is formed with a cup to fit over the upper end of the lower part, and in which the downward extension on the upper part is pivoted on a member which when turned by a key means includes means for raising the upper part of the column to disengage the

cup thereon from the lower part of the column.

5. U.S. Patent No. 2,629,465, Patented February 24, 1953,
By Claude Rhea, for HINGED POLE CONSTRUCTION. This
reference relates to hinged pole construction including a
base member, a pole, and means hinge connecting one end
portion of the pole with one end portion of the base
member, and the pole and base member each having a
longitudinal axis; the combination including an upper
segmental wall on the connected end portion of the base
member, the segmental wall extending about the
longitudinal axis of the base member and the segmental
wall having a transverse cross section perpendicular to
the longitudinal axis of the base member, and the
transverse cross section perpendicular to the
longitudinal axis of the base member, and the transverse
cross section having a central portion at one side of a
diameter of a circle lying in the plane of the cross
section and end portions extending beyond the other side,
and the segmental wall having an open outer end and side
faces spaced from each other and forming a side opening
extending length-wise of the base member from the open
outer end of the segmental wall and the segmental wall of
the base member having formed therein a set of apertures
each on an opposite side of the longitudinal axis from
the other and each aligned with the other on the

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diameter, the connected end portion of the pole having a transverse width less than the distance between the side faces of the segmental wall, the connected end portion of the pole having formed therein a set of diametrically opposite apertures aligned with the apertures of the base member segmental wall, and a hinge shank extending through the aligned sets of apertures, and separable means securing the hinge shank in the aligned sets of apertures.

6. U.S. Patent No. 2,577,811, Patented December 11, 1951, By Harry Rutledge, for POLE HINGE. This reference relates to a pole hinge consisting of a pair of members constructed to receive pole sections, an arcade skirt on one member shaped to fit over the other member, aligned hinge bearings in said skirt and in said other member, a pin in said bearings to hinge said members together, and clamp means to hold said skirt to said other member and lock the pole hinge straight.
7. U.S. Patent No. 2,199,897, Patented May 7, 1940, By Montford Stringer, for POLE MOUNTING. This reference relates to pole mounting including a standard open at its top and along one side, a carriage disposed within said standard between opposed said walls thereof and having an outer side wall closing the open side of the standard

when the carriage is in a vertical position, a top wall for said carriage, a fastener passing through side walls of the standard and opposed side walls of the carriage adjacent lower ends thereof and mounting the carriage for swinging movement from a vertical position within the standard to a lowered and substantially horizontal position, the inner lower corner portions of the side walls of said carriage being cut off and formed with arcuate edges to permit vertical swinging movement of the carriage, a removable fastener passing through opposed side walls of the standard and the carriage to releasably hold the carriage in its vertical position, a socket extending upwardly from the top of said carriage for receiving the lower end of a pole, a bracing collar, and legs for supporting said collar above said socket in spaced relation thereto extending downwardly from the collar with their lower ends united to corner portions of the top wall of the carriage.

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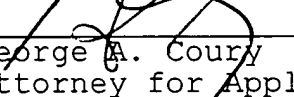
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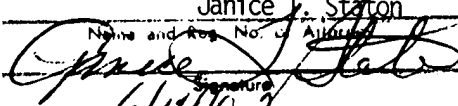
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